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Econoff delivered reftel demarche to Hong Kong Trade and Industry Department (TID) Assistant Director General Petty Lai on July 26. On August 2, Lai told Econoff that draft text on the IPR guidelines was already complete and commented the situation with the Counter Terrorism Task Force (CTTF) was "difficult," especially regarding the issue of the CTTF Chairman position. Lai said that TID was still consulting other Hong Kong Government bureaus and departments on the other specific demarche points and would send a written response to us as soon as possible.

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